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35/5. Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming all previous General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions on the problem of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, including Council resolutions 26/8 of 26 June 2014, on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and 32/3 of 30 June 2016, on protecting victims of trafficking and persons at risk of trafficking, especially women and children, in conflict and post-conflict situations,

Reaffirming also the principles set forth in relevant human rights instruments and declarations, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocol thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol thereto,

Reaffirming further the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, and reaffirming in particular the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

Welcoming the adoption by the General Assembly of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[1] and recalling targets 5.2, 8.7 and 16.2, which aim at eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation; taking immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms; and

[1] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/23 of 21 July 2015 on the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in the promotion of the global fight against trafficking in persons;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on strengthening voluntary standards for businesses on preventing and combating trafficking in persons and labour exploitation, especially in supply chains,[2] and her thematic reports on trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict situations;[3]

3. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for a period of three years;

4. *Urges* all Governments to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur and to respond favourably to her requests to visit their countries, to provide her with all necessary information related to the mandate and to react promptly to her communications and urgent appeals in order to enable her to fulfil the mandate effectively;

5. *Underlines* the importance that the Special Rapporteur continue to participate in relevant international forums and events on migration with a view to combating trafficking and upholding the human rights of victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children;

6. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that the Special Rapporteur receives the resources necessary to enable her to discharge the mandate fully;

7. *Decides* to continue consideration of the issue of trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

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[Adopted without a vote.]

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[2] A/HRC/35/37.

[3] A/HRC/32/41 and Corr.1 and A/71/303.